

TOLD OF THE FAIRER SEX.

Miss Safford, who recently resigned the pastorate of a Unitarian church in Sioux City, held it 14 years, her congregation being the largest of that denomination in Iowa.

Miss Gratia Woodside, of Salem, is the only woman who ever appeared before the Missouri supreme court. She represented one side in a land and mining dispute, but owing to an oversight on the part of the opposing counsel she was not allowed to make an argument, the court holding that under the circumstances the issue became purely an academic one.

For the first time the board of trustees of the Carnegie institute in Pittsburgh has elected a woman to fill one of its positions. Miss Sara E. Weir has been chosen assistant secretary in recognition of her long and faithful service as private secretary to the different treasurers. In her new position she will practically have supervision over the disbursement of a building fund which amounts to over \$5,000,000.

Miss Marion A. Fish, daughter of Stuyvesant Fish, the New York millionaire, is an accomplished housekeeper and cares nothing for the butterfly existence led by society women. Her friends are bright young women who go in for athletics and look on stilted society as a deadly bore. An excellent horsewoman is Miss Marion, and her tennis also is up to the mark. So far no man's name has been linked with hers. Her brother Sidney also dislikes society and prides himself on not having attended a ball or formal dinner for years.

A fashionable woman of middle age advises every young maiden as follows: "Never marry a man until you have seen his upper lip. Man has an advantage over us, because he can read us through our lips. We cannot read him through his mustache, which, no matter how beautiful, is an expressionless adornment. The upper lip tells the character of both men and women. If long and thick there is coarseness. If thin there is cruelty. If short and cupid-bowed there is delicacy. If straight and well drawn against the teeth there is resolution. Before saying 'Yes' to your lover make him shave and stay shaved for a month. You will then learn his character."

RAIL AND TIE.

The great Mexican railway, from Salina Cruz, on the Pacific, to Coatzacoalcas, on the gulf, will bring New York and New Orleans 1,500 miles nearer San Francisco than will the Panama canal.

The steepest mountain railway in Europe is being built from the Tyrolean village of Kalten to the Mendel pass. Its gradient is 64 degrees, thus exceeding that of the Stanserhorn in Switzerland, which has heretofore held the record.

In speaking of the present discussion over the possibility of contagion in sleeping cars a physician says: "I know several people who travel a great deal, who carry their blankets as a part of their luggage, and have the same used by the porter when the bed is made up at night."

Robert J. Wright, of Rockville Center, Long Island, has instituted a peculiar suit against the Long Island railroad. His daughter was married not long ago, and Mr. Wright had arranged with the company to have a fast express train stop there to take up wedding guests. The evening was stormy and the train, being late, did not stop. Some of the guests did not believe that there was any intention to stop the train, and he wants the company to compensate him for the humiliation of having his veracity questioned.

TO THE POOR AND NEEDY.

Even the elevator boy will give you a lift.

There is the dog—he weaves not, neither does he spin, yet is a creature of many pants.

Keep thine own counsel, like the meek and lowly kine, which cheweth her cud and says nothing.

If you are tempted to drown yourself in the ocean remember that even the sea is generous, for it gives back its dead.

Look to the horn and cornet, thou growler! The horn goeth upon a toot and bloweth itself in for all it is worth.

You need not go hungry, if your clothes are ragged, for almost every man you meet will give you a cold shoulder.

You have no reason to complain, for men are always willing to assist you, even down stairs, if necessary. Be not cast down.

Be then of good cheer, look upward and onward; be ambitious as the sewing machine agent, hopeful as the gambler, steady and erect as the man with a boil, and stand forth alone and independent like a sore thumb.—N. Y. Herald.

PULPIT AND PEW.

Chancellor James Day, of Syracuse university, says that it costs \$15,000,000 a year to support the ministers of the gospel and \$25,000,000 to support the pet dogs.

William Muldoon, the once famous wrestler, has transferred his home at Belfast, N. Y., to Bishop Charles H. Colton, of Buffalo, to be used as a convent, charitable or educational institution.

Rev. Thomas D. McLean, pastor of the Union Congregational church, Ludlow, Mass., has resigned and will enter the real estate business. Mr. McLean says that at his present salary—\$1,000 a year—he is unable to make provision for old age, but will return to the ministry if he can save an amount sufficient to relieve his mind regarding the future. He is 35 years old and has been preaching ten years.

SIDELIGHTS ON MEN.

Mayor McLane, of Baltimore, is generally conceded to be about the best-dressed man in that city. In the hours devoted to his duties as head of the civic government he is rarely seen in anything but gray clothes. Mr. McLane is not partial to jewelry.

John G. Carlisle, formerly of Kentucky, and at one time a leader in congress, has amassed a handsome fortune since taking up the practice of law in New York city. He is a notable figure, always dressed in black—black broadcloth suit, trousers generally very baggy, black silk hat and black cravat. Taken altogether, he looks like a print of half a century ago.

Pierpont Morgan finds mental relaxation in solitude, in which respect he resembles the late Col. Robert G. Ingersoll. The latter always amused himself with a pack of cards before delivering one of his lectures. His object was to induce a state of mental repose and clarity. Throughout the week he had been actively engaged in the handling of important law cases. He did not wish to pass from what might be termed a legal state of mind to a purely literary, philosophic or technically argumentative one. So he rested his brain with a game of solitaire.

Col. James Smith, who farms in an extensive way in Crawford county, Mo., has erected a monument to himself in a local cemetery and thereby has in some mysterious way roused the indignation of his neighbors, perhaps because he is still a hale and hearty citizen. A mob partially demolished the monument, which is of white marble 30 feet above ground. The colonel offered \$500 reward for information regarding the guilty parties, whereupon the citizens burned him in effigy, and now they offer \$1,000 to anyone who will tell who attended the bonfire.

An interesting scheme has been launched with the view of alleviating the misery caused by the failure of the sardine fisheries off the coast of Brittany. It consists in the emigration of the Breton fishermen to the shores of Algiers and Tunis, where the fish is so abundant that one Sicilian fleet of 2,500 boats employs over 12,000 men. Already several hundred Breton families have handed in their names at various towns and villages; but danger of the scheme falling lies in the absorbing love of country, for nearly all the fishermen make the condition that they shall be brought back to spend the close season in their native haunts.

LEGAL LORE.

Possessory rights only are held, in Cahill vs. Cahill (Conn.), 60 L. R. A. 706, not to be sufficient to sustain an action of ejectment without showing the legal title.

A judge of a court of record is held, in Webb vs. Fisher (Tenn.), 60 L. R. A. 79, not to be subject to a private action for oppressively, maliciously and corruptly entering a decree disbarring an attorney.

Only what a passenger takes with him for his own personal use and convenience is held, in Illinois C. R. Co. vs. Matthews (Ky.), 60 L. R. A. 846, to be within the meaning of a statute requiring carriers to check baggage.

The naming of a child for promisor in accordance with his previous request is held, in Dally vs. Minnick (Ia.), 60 L. R. A. 840, to be a sufficient consideration for a subsequent promise to convey to the child a particular tract of land because of such act.

A master who whips a servant so that he dies is held, in state vs. Shaw (S. C.), 60 L. R. A. 801, to be guilty of murder, although he has a right to inflict the punishment and the instrument is proper, if the punishment is so prolonged and barbarous as to indicate malice. A note to this case collates the other authorities on homicide by excessive and improper chastisement.

FOR TEACHER AND PUPIL.

A school for over 400 boys is now being built at a cost of \$25,000 by Chinese gentlemen in Shanghai. The headmaster is English.

There are eight township schools in Clark county, O., which have not opened because the teachers can get better wages as motormen than at school-teaching.

Dr. Oscar H. Allis, of Philadelphia, urges that ambidexterity is conducive to health and would like to have children taught to use either right or left hand. "Some teachers," he says, "are waking up to the necessity of using the left side. I don't believe anyone ever saw a symmetrical spine except it belonged to an ambidexterous person. There should be right and left hand work in school."

SMALL CHANGE.

Only the featherweights are drawn after every passing fad.—Ram's Horn. Emergencies are like alarm clocks. They can get some people to rise, but others simply won't do it.—Brooklyn Life.

Opportunity knocks once at every man's door but people have got so used to answering and finding nobody there but peddlers or book agents that opportunity will have to begin sending in its card or making an appointment by letter if it wants to do business in Chicago.—Chicago Tribune.

BITS OF INFORMATION.

During 1902 Germany exported 13,499 tons of electric machinery.

President Plaza of Ecuador will visit the United States next year.

United States Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, proposes to harness the Shoshone falls of Idaho and make them work.

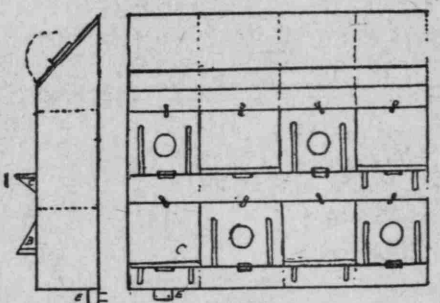
While a square dance represents only half a mile of walking or moving, an average waltz takes dancers over three-quarters of a mile.



MODEL NEST BOXES.

Their Designer, a Kansas Poultryman, Says They Have Given Best of Satisfaction.

These nest boxes are in use on my farm and give the best of satisfaction. The smaller, left-hand figure in the cut is an end view, the larger a front view, of part of the tier which makes room for 24 hens to lay at once. The top is slanted, as shown in left-hand figure, showing door to upper tier of boxes open. In the other figure, it is closed. This is used entirely for laying hens. The two lower tiers of nests have separate doors for each box. To set a hen, the door can be closed as at b, but shows doors open in both figures.



PLAN FOR NEST BOXES.

This is a good way of protecting the setting hens from being disturbed by others, and is better than boards laid over a box with rocks on it. The doors are braced with two cleats made from a piece one by four by six inches, by ripping it from one corner to the other. These are nailed onto the doors and form a support for door when open, also prevent door from splitting. Each door has a hole three inches in diameter bored in center to give air to hens. In the evening when gathering eggs, all doors can be closed and fastened with buttons, which prevents fowls from roosting on edges of nest boxes or doors, thereby always keeping nests clean.

The whole nest box is open at back, and is set against the wall of chicken house and fastened to it by two hooks, it resting on cleats, e, which are nailed onto wall. By unhooking, the whole thing can be laid back downward and all cleaned at once. Each door is fastened to box by a hinge. The nests are four inches deep from door. If too deep, heavy hens often break eggs in jumping onto nest, but in this box they just step in. The entire tier is eight by three and 12 inches wide. Each nest is 12 inches square.—C. E. Knudson, in Farm and Home.

SOUND MANAGEMENT.

Without It Poultry Raising Cannot Be Made Profitable in This Age of Competition.

Upon many farms there is a lack of system in the selection of the hens and pullets for breeding purposes, and for other purposes. It is the practice of some to sell just what can be caught when the time comes for selling, and again all the old hens are sold off, and now and then one will be found who will insist on keeping the old hens. Now there should be some reason for the pursuance of all these practices. We know of instances where pullets do more than hens in the way of laying, and it is also well to say that there is a reason for it. If the pullets are not hatched early in the spring it will be better to retain the hens than to place too much stress on the pullets. Late hatched pullets will often prove disappointing. Some old hens will perform satisfactory service until they are four years old, although it is not advisable to keep hens this long on all farms and under all kinds of management. Very much will depend on the mode of feeding whether the hens or the pullet will give the best satisfaction. One reason why hens seem to fail sooner than they should, is due to the fact that the hens being mature fatten more easily, and the pullets being in a growing condition are not in a position to admit of a comparison. It is detrimental to laying hens to have them too fat.

On the average farm where the records of hens are not kept it is a good plan to save a few of the earliest hatched each year, and let the remainder go to market. Some of the best hens should be retained, and these can be selected by their activity and the color of their combs. It is less expensive to keep a good hen two or three years than it is to produce pullets to take their places.—Caleb, in Midland Farmer.

AMONG THE POULTRY.

Clean out the coops often; filth is unhealthy at any season of the year.

Chicks should be furnished a place to roost as soon as they are half grown.

Are you keeping an accurate record of your poultry account, including cost of labor and the income from your sales?

Make a few good dust baths by digging up a little space near the runs; then dump on a pan of ashes and the lice will have a hard time, while the chicks will do better.

If there is any foundation for the claim that eggs hatch best in nests upon the ground, provide this condition by placing some fresh earth or an inverted sod in the bottom of the nest box—then cover lightly with some fine nest material, such as cut straw or fine hay.—Prairie Farmer.

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